

Bulletin sponsors for this week are for:

The health of:

Fr. Matthew on his birthday, requested with love by his family.

Aris on his upcoming surgery April 25, requested by his mother, Svetlana

Readings: **Philippians 4:4-9** (*Palm Sunday*)
John 12:1-18 (*Palm Sunday*)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign

Sunday Service:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew
Pannikidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Mask wearing in church is optional for vaccinated persons. Those who are unvaccinated should continue to mask up. Thank you for caring about your fellow parishioners!

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Church School

Schedule for this month: April 3 & April 17

Announcements:

- **The Sisterhood** is accepting **donations for Paschal flowers**. There is a basket at the candlestand for your donations. Please be generous, so our church will look beautiful for Pascha! **Checks should be made out to the Sisterhood.**
- The Sisterhood would like to thank everyone who participated in the Pascha basket raffle. Your support helped to make the raffle a success! Congratulations to the basket winners, the Dantine family!
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.**
- See back page for **Services of Holy Week and Pascha**
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

Reminders:

- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
 Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
 111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
 Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday):

In the Icon of the Feast of Palm Sunday, Christ is the central figure, depicted seated upon the colt of a donkey as He enters Jerusalem, a fulfillment of the prophecy found in Zechariah 9:9. Christ is blessing with His left hand.

Here He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah, the Anointed One who has come to redeem us from our sins and break the power of death. The colt, one of the animals that were considered unclean according to the Law, is symbolic of the inclusion of all peoples of all nations in the new covenant that will come through the death and Resurrection of Christ (Isaiah 62:10-11). It is also a sign that our Lord has revealed a heavenly and spiritual kingdom that offers true and enduring peace.

On the left, the disciples accompany Jesus in His Triumphal Entry. Depicted on the right are the Jews who greet Him crying "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" The word "Hosanna" means "Save, I pray" or "Save now."

The children are the small people who are greeting Christ with palm branches and laying these and their garments on the ground before Christ as tokens of honor for one who is acknowledged as a King. The city of Jerusalem is shown as the walled buildings, and the temple is depicted as the building with the dome.

*When we were buried with You in Baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection!*

Now we praise You and sing:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Troparion — Tone 4

*Sitting on Your throne in heaven,
carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God!
Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing:
Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!*

Kontakion — Tone 6

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/04/17>

Services of Holy Week and Pascha:

- **April 19 (Tuesday) 6:30PM** - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **April 20 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM** - Sacrament of Holy Unction – Healing Sacrament, open to all Orthodox Christians (no fasting required before)
- **April 22 (Friday) 7:00 PM** - Holy Saturday Matins
- **April 23 (Saturday) 11:30 PM** - Holy Pascha Vigil - Nocturns, Matins, Divine Liturgy, blessing of food baskets.

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**Christ Is in our
midst!**

**He is and
ever shall be!**

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem
(Palm Sunday)

*By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion,
You did confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God!*

*Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death:*

Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Troparion — Tone 1

April 17, 2022

Today the Church remembers:

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM • Palm Sunday • Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop in Persia, and those with him: Martyrs Abdechalias and Ananias—Presbyters, Usthazanes, Fusicus (Pusicus), Ascitreia, Azades the Eunuch, and many others (344). Saint Akakios, Bishop of Melitēnē (ca. 433). ● Ven. Zosima, Abbot of Solovetsky Monastery (1478) ● Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1641) ● Martyr Adrian of Corinth (251) ● St. Agapitus, Pope of Rome (536) ● Repose of Ven. Makarios of Corinth (1805)

Palm Sunday

Triodion week 10
Tone 2 of the Octoechos.